CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL MAY 3, 1999

JOINT MEETING WITH THE AUBURN CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE AUBURN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 5:10 P.M.

THE HONORABLE LEE YOUNG, MAYOR OF AUBURN AND KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR OF LEWISTON PRESIDING.

PRESENT LEWISTON: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo.

ALSO PRESENT FROM LEWISTON: Finance Director Richard Metivier.

PRESENT AUBURN: Councilors Livingston, DeFilipp, Dennison, Matzen, Levine, Carbonneau, City Manager Patricia Finnegan, City Clerk Mary Lou Magno and Assistant City Manager Mark Adams.

ABSENT: Lewiston Councilor Carignan & Auburn Councilor Guay.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

9-1-1 COMMITTEE

Heather Hunter and Terry Delano presented the budget and outlined the three major issues the committee will be addressing in the coming year - a new radio site tower, Y2K issues and PSAP.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To approve the Lewiston share of the Lewiston-Auburn Consolidated 9-1-1 Budget of \$660,238.00 as recommended by the 9-1-1 Committee. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Livingston:

To suspend the rules to allow for both Councils to vote on Joint Budget requests. Passed - Vote 8-4

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Peter Von Gagnon, EMA director, presented the EMA budget. He stated that the full consolidation of the Agency is now complete.

VOTE (3)

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Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Levine:

To approve the EMA Budget of \$17,553.00 as recommended. Passed - Vote 12-0

L-A TRANSIT COMMITTEE

Mark Adams, Chairman of the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee, presented the proposed 2000 fiscal year budget for the Transit Committee. He reported the system has seen a 12% increase in ridership and a 5.5% increase in revenues.

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Carbonneau:

To approve the Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee Budget as recommended in the amount of \$116,587.00. Passed - Vote 12-0

LEWISTON-AUBURN ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL

Marty Eisenstein, Chairman of the LAEGC Board, gave a brief presentation on the activities of the Growth Council.

Lucien Gosselin reviewed several factors having to do with contribution and impact on the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council.

Several Councilors from both communities commented on the good work that Mr. Gosselin and the Growth Council are doing.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Carbonneau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To approve the Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council Budget at the requested amount of \$303,750.00, as recommended by the LAEGC Board of Directors.

Passed - Vote 12-0

AUBURN-LEWISTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Carol Niewola, Airport Manager, presented the proposed airport budget. She reviewed various needs of the airport, one being the need to have a complete insurance review of the airport buildings, property and liabilities. Ms. Niewola also noted the need for Y2K project upgrades at the airport.

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Livingston:

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To approve the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport Budget at the requested amount of \$145,726.00, as recommended by the Airport Board of Directors. Passed - Vote 11-1

FFA-USA

Elizabeth Dodge, Executive Director of the FFA-USA reviewed the status of the organization. They presently have 56 members and were established on April 1, 1998. She stated that FFA-USA is the entry point into the US for French speaking businesses.

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Dennison, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To approve the FFA-USA Budget at the requested amount of \$10,000.00, but in addition, to request the cities receive a 12 month work plan outlining the goals and objectives of FFA-USA and to see a strategic plan from the organization outlining their goals to build membership. Failed - Vote 5-6

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Dennison, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

To approve the budget request of \$10,000.00 per city, contingent upon receiving a revenue producing plan from FFA-USA to be reported to the City Councils by July 1; said plan would outline FFA-USA's plans for securing additional revenue to support FFA-USA from increased memberships and other organizations in order to limit the burden on the Twin Cities in the future. Passed - Vote 9-2-1

L-A CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tammy Grieshaber from the Local Access Subcommittee spoke on the subcommittee's work and goals for a local access operation. She introduced Mr. Holmes who will be serving as the consultant when establishing the cable television studio. She thanked Mark Adams for his dedication to this project.

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Levine, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the request from L-A Cable Advisory Committee for funding in the amount of \$77,437.00 for fiscal year 2000.

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Passed - Vote 10-0

Councilor Kelly left the meeting at this time due to a prior commitment.

L-A ARTS

Richard Willing, Executive Director of L-A Arts, presented the request for funding for L-A Arts. Mr. Willing discussed the numerous events the group has held this past year, and presented the group's plans for the summer events as well.

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Carbonneau, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the request from L-A Arts for funding in the amount of \$35,500.00 for fiscal year 2000. Passed - Vote 9-0

MAINE MUSIC SOCIETY

Two representatives of the Maine Music Society discussed their request for funding this year. MMS is hoping to increase their events in the L/A area, and would like to hold three outdoor summer concerts this summer.

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor DeFilipp, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the request from Maine Music Society for funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 from each city for fiscal year 2000. Passed - Vote 9-0

LIBERTY FESTIVAL

David Ladderbush, Chairman of the Fourth of July Celebration, presented plans for the upcoming year. He spoke about the Air Show that will be held in conjunction with the Festival, the first air show in the area since 1983. The Festival will also include a production from the Portland Sympathy Orchestra and fireworks.

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Matzen, seconded by Councilor Lynch:

To approve the request from Liberty Festival for funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 per city for fiscal year 2000. Passed - Vote 9-0

VOTE (13)

Motion by Councilor Dennison, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Passed - Vote 9-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo City Clerk Lewiston, Maine